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## ABSOLUTE DROUTH IN DRY STATES

In the most sweeping of all decisions upholding prohibition laws, the supreme court this week upheld as constitutional and valid the Webb-Kenyon law, prohibiting shipments of liquor from wet to dry states. It also sustained West Virginia's recent amendment to her law prohibiting importation in interstate commerce of liquor for personal use.

After having been vetoed by President Taft who held it unconstitutional and having been passed by congress over his veto, the law was sustained by the supreme court by a vote of 7 to 2. Leaders of the prohibition movement declare that it is second only in importance to the proposed constitutional amendment. Lawyers for liquor interests who heard the decision admitted it upheld and applied the law "in its fullest sense."

Chief Justice White announced the majority opinion to which Justices De-  
vianter and Holmes dissented.

"The all reaching power of government over liquor is settled," said the chief justice in announcing the decision. "There was no intention of congress to forbid individual use of liquor. The purpose of this act was to cut out by the roots the practice of permitting violations of state liquor laws. We can have no doubt that congress exerted a power to co-ordinate the national with the state authority."

### GLAD TO BE BACK.

W. F. Braswell is back home and is glad of it. Mr. Braswell owns a fine piece of land two miles south of town and a year or more ago he moved to Oklahoma and farmed near Hobart. He says that he made 40 bales of cotton back there this year and that he sold some of it as high as 20c per pound but that he feels that this condition will not exist under normal conditions, and that he missed the climate of New Mexico. Too, he says that he believes that a man can do as well in eastern New Mexico as anywhere and that he thinks more of his land now than at anytime since he has owned it.

## TEACHERS ASSOCIATION JANUARY 26 AND 27

County Superintendent Bickley and the program committee have given out the program for the Curry County Teachers Association which will be held at Clovis, Jan. 26 and 27.

On Friday, January 26, the schools at McIntosh, Grady, Pleasant Hill, Texico and Clovis will have their regular school work and teachers in all the other schools are requested to visit one of the above named schools on this day dismissing for the day.

Teachers who are to teach on visiting day are to be given an opportunity at a later date to visit the schools.

On Friday night a school rally and get-together meeting will be held in Clovis at the Methodist church. All teachers of the county are expected to be present.

Following is the program for Friday, Jan. 26:

Music—Male Quartette.  
Devotional Exercises—Rev. Redmon.  
Address.

Music—Male Quartette.  
Remarks—Supt. J. M. Bickley.

The following is the program for Saturday Jan. 27, at the Clovis high school:

Social hour.  
Music—Miss Baker.  
Devotional Exercises—Rev. C. M. Dillinger.

Contests—Athletics—B. V. Elby and D. L. Barnett.

Discussion.  
Spelling—A. M. Singletary and J. S. N. Webb.

Discussion.  
Arrangement of the curriculum to equip the School Children for Life—Miss Addie Grigsby, D. L. Adkins and Mrs. R. A. Crawford.

Discussion.  
Music.

If you don't want to sell your land you had better not list it with the Reagan Land & Cattle Company.

### THE NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the new section law and many people from this immediate section have filed on land west of here under the new act. Not a day passes but that several covered wagons are seen headed toward the west. Last week the News published the full text of the homestead law and all of the available extra copies were soon gone. The new law is going to bring an end to the open range in New Mexico. It is going to bring thousands of new settlers into the state and will result in New Mexico doubling her population within a few years.

## NEW MEXICO MAY BE DRY STATE

A dry New Mexico after July 1st, 1918. This is the result that it now appears will come about from the first official action of the state legislature which went into session Tuesday. That this question will come up early in the session is due to the fact that both political parties have promised in their platforms to submit it to a popular vote and now each of them is trying to get the credit for its enactment into a law. Also it is a question that can safely be considered while each party is gauging the strength of its opponent without coming to an actual showdown as to which party has the upper hand.

The law as proposed will not forbid the personal possession of liquor in the home, nor prevent its importation by express, but it will exclude saloons and traffic in all liquors including the light wines and beers.

A remarkable aspect of the prohibition program is the fact that many of the old line politicians are solidly behind it. They are seeking a practical law and will present it in a simple form. There is a disposition to forestall attempts to attach impossible provisions such as are usually offered to impede liquor legislation. A resolution will probably be read at the same time in both houses, and if adopted will be enacted at once.

The law will call for a state election on next November 6, and if prohibition carries it would go into effect on the following July, giving dealers at least six months in which to wind up their business.

### DEATH KNEEL OF THE OPEN RANGE.

This has been a busy week in Fort Sumner and particularly at the land office, the result of the 640 acre land law going into effect Tuesday morning. At 1 p. m. Friday, 314 filings had been received covering 125,000 acres. Applicants came from all over the southwest, and literally besieged the land office. Many women were in the throng and the excitement reminded one of the early day openings in Oklahoma. The four restaurants and as many hotels were taxed to their utmost capacity, but all were evidently cared for. If all of the applicants stay with their claims, some of them will know what it is to be land poor. The movement is undoubtedly the death knell of the open range in this state. Fort Sumner Review.

### MR. LUCEY COMING.

A thousand people heard Mr. Lucey at the Elks Theatre last night. From his ludicrous character sketches to a fine dramatic reading from the execution scene from "Damon and Pythias" he carried his audience with ease. Songs and crayon sketches and many quick change impersonations were features. Albuquerque Morning Journal.

The man who can come into our town unharmed and unknown, and in the face of a big opposition reunion meeting, pack the hall on one day's notice must be a wonder. That is what Thomas Elmore Lucey did and all were charmed with the entertainment. He held the crowd at the confederate reunion spellbound. Portales News-  
paper.

\* This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, January 17. All those who fail to hear this entertainment will miss a treat.

## MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO GET CITY MAIL DELIVERY

A movement is now on foot to get free city mail delivery for Clovis. Clovis is a second class postoffice and for nearly seven years the receipts have been sufficient to entitle the town to free delivery. A petition will be circulated asking the department to send an inspector here to pass upon the matter and if there is any reason that the town cannot get the delivery system established, the Clovis way of doing things is to make whatever improvements necessary to get the new order of things inaugurated. About seven years ago the matter was called to the attention of the department but at that time the town was new and our streets and sidewalks were not quite up to the standard. It is believed that Clovis is now in position to get the city delivery provided the matter is properly put before the department and that is what the Clovis boosters are working on now.

Free mail delivery means much more to the citizens of the town than the mere daily delivery of mail. It means that Clovis is then recognized in the city class; it means an advertisement for the town that will be worth many thousands of dollars to the property holders.

## STREET CAR CONDUCTOR SAVED HALF MILLION

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Henry Torborg died here today leaving a fortune of \$500,000, most of it accumulated during the last forty years while a conductor on a street car of the Blue Island avenue line. He was 73 years old and died while at work.

Between the ages of fourteen and sixteen, Torborg saved \$500. In the next ten years, always saving his money, he worked on sugar plantations and wharfs along the Gulf of Mexico. Then he came to Chicago and invested his savings in real estate. He got a job with the street car company and continued to invest in outlying property.

The growth of the city to a population of 2,500,000 tells the story of the growth of his fortune, but few people of the millions who handed him tickets dreamed that the methodical old man had all this wealth. Two sons inherit the fortune. Torborg had a number of sayings:

"Good spenders may be good fellows, but a bank account needs no friends."

"Never pay for having work done that you can do yourself."

"Make your vacations pile up your dividends."

"The man who stops work is like the old mill out of use, he falls to pieces."

### MERSFELDER ON COMMITTEES

Hon. L. C. Mersfelder, state senator from Curry county has been named on the following committees: Insurance and Banking, Constitutional Amendments, Printing Enrolled and Engrossed Bills, Roads and Highways.

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## SANTA FE USES VAST NUMBER TRACK MEN

Carlsbad, N. M., 8.—The Santa Fe railway employs an army of section men and extra crews to keep its roughest and track in order over the system of 11,270 miles. Many of the men and their families live in cars, there being in all 2,848 boarding and bunk cars on the entire system. Others live in houses which the company provides for their accommodation. Many a child grows up in these homes on wheels. The track employees are largely Mexican, while building department are white.

It is no small task to look after the welfare of this army of employees and sanitation requires much special attention to prevent illness. A special campaign is now in progress, disinfecting the cars and bunk houses, and of clothing and wearing apparel, and for this purpose are sent over every division.

Recently Willard O. Keene, road master of the Peecos division from Clovis to Peecos, Texas, finished disinfecting every boarding and bunk car and house on this division. Every car and house was thoroughly disinfected by superheated steam. The wearing apparel and bedding were placed in chests for the purpose provided and given a thorough steaming under pressure. There was nothing overlooked about the cars and houses, utensils, clothing and bedding. The microbes, mites, bacteria, bacillus and bug resolved no mercy.

This is possibly the most extensive sanitation campaign ever conducted in the United States.

Hot Chocolate at Brock's Confectionery.

## A SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH.

The growth of Clovis and the development of Curry county is substantial. Nothing indicates this more than the deposits in the three banks in the city of Clovis. There are now on deposit here over \$800,000, which is an increase of more than 100 per cent over what the banks had at the beginning of the year 1916. One good thing about the growth and development that the Clovis country is now enjoying is that it is not of mushroom nature. People are beginning to understand the country and to know its resources and our real development has just commenced. Clovis is the best town surrounded by the best section of country in eastern New Mexico. Come to Clovis.

### GLAD TO GO HOME.

A number of soldiers belonging to the Pennsylvania signal corps passed through Clovis last Saturday en route home where they will be mustered out of the service. They stopped over in Clovis for several hours Saturday in order to feed and exercise the horses and the soldier boys spent the few hours in looking over the town. In answer to a question from the News man as to whether the boys were not disappointed on account of not being able to go home for Christmas, one soldier said that they were too glad to get away from the border to be disappointed about anything. The order came for their home-going just a few days before Christmas and the boys say that this is the best Christmas present that could have been given them by Uncle Sam. Most of the members of this company that passed thru here are employees of the Westinghouse Electric Company.

## NEW MEXICO BROKE PROSPERITY RECORDS

The state of New Mexico broke all records for production and prosperity in the year 1916.

The state's metal mining output was doubled, increasing to \$43,000,000.

The coal output reached a value of nearly \$8,000,000.

Cattle production reached 1,100,000, worth \$40,000,000; shipments reached 270,000, worth \$9,000,000.

The state raised nearly 900,000 sheep and shipped sheep and lambs worth \$10,000,000.

Bank resources reached \$40,000,000. Her state bank resources alone reached \$14,386,000 an increase of nearly \$5,000,000 in two years.

New Mexico spent \$2,000,000 on education during 1916.

The total property valuation reached \$250,000,000, corporate property alone being assessed at \$100,000,000.

Farm products reached a value of \$40,000,000.

County treasurers received and disbursed over \$5,250,000.

Revenues from transportation are estimated to have reached \$21,000,000.

The state produced the enormous total of nearly 92,000,000 pounds of copper.

The wool production was over \$3,500,000.

There was grown over 7,000,000 bushels of corn, wheat, oats and barley worth \$7,800,000.

Fillings were made on 2,000,000 acres of public lands.

Half a million bushels of beans worth \$2,000,000 were raised.

The year witnessed the completion of a \$10,000,000 government irrigation project.

The state raised 10,000 tons of alfalfa bringing her up to Oklahoma as an alfalfa growing state.

There is an assurance of a million dollar beet sugar plant at Las Cruces, where 7,000 acres will produce beets.

The population has increased by leaps and bounds. It is now estimated at 450,000.

The total number of automobiles doubled, reaching nearly 9,000.

The total value of live stock in the state reached \$100,000,000.

There was completed a five year expenditure of \$2,500,000 on her highways.

The state is preparing to spend \$2,000,000 on the completion of a 3,000 mile highway.

More than \$15,000,000 was paid out for the operation of steam railroads during the year in New Mexico.

The income from state lands reached nearly \$750,000.

There are in the state 27,000,000 acres of public lands.

The total production during the year is estimated at a quarter billion dollars.

And New Mexico has only begun to develop her resources.

### LEGISLATURE IS GRINDING.

Hon. Lyman E. Shaw, member of the legislature from Curry county, writes the News:

"The legislature is fully organized in both houses. It seems to be the earnest desire of every member to get down to business and do something that will be beneficial to the people of this state. There is one thing in particular that I feel sure of, and that is that the people of New Mexico will have an opportunity to vote on state-wide prohibition."

## ADAMSON LAW WITH SUPREME COURT

Arguments over the constitutionality of the Adamson law came up Monday in the supreme court. A large array of attorneys for the railroads and counsel for the government were on hand for the last stage of the battle over the validity of the act of congress last September when the country was threatened with a nation-wide railroad strike.

When the court will announce a decision is problematical, but it is expected within a few weeks as the court has consented to expedite the proceedings and placed the best case forward of many other cases. The case was appealed last November, from the decision of Federal Judge Hook at Kansas City, that the law was "unconstitutional, null and void."

## ONLY WOMAN LAWYER IN NEW MEXICO

When the state board of bar examiners this afternoon licensed Mrs. Katherine Burns Mabry to practice law, she became the only woman lawyer now in the state of New Mexico admitted to practice before the state supreme court.

Mrs. Mabry is the wife of Senator Thomas J. Mabry, who is a member of the law firm of Barth & Mabry of Albuquerque. She took the oath before the state supreme court today where she bound herself as an officer of the court "to support the constitution of the United States and the state of New Mexico." Mrs. Mabry is the second woman to be admitted in this state but at this time is the only woman lawyer in the state. "I do not at this time intend to practice my profession," she said, "but I can say that I do not regret the time and effort it has cost me in this preparation."

Mrs. Mabry says that she believes the woman who equips herself with a substantial understanding of at least the fundamental principles that underlie our institutions of government municipal, in the large sense, is in a better position to contribute to the general welfare of the community than are some of those who are clamoring for an opportunity to match political wits with the men at the ballot box. Mrs. Mabry is not a suffragette.

Mrs. Mabry is a native of Cedar county, Missouri, but she is largely a New Mexican reared girl, and she says that she is a New Mexican before she is anything else. She is a graduate of one of the New Mexico state normals and later studied in Columbia University, New York. She is of a modest and retiring disposition and is a talented pianist and soloist and is a household economist. Mrs. Mabry will be in Santa Fe most of the week. The Mabrys are registered at the Montezuma Hotel here. Santa Fe New Mexican.

Mrs. Mabry is well known in Clovis. She was a teacher in the public schools here before her marriage to Senator Thomas J. Mabry, who represented Curry county in the state senate. She has many friends in Clovis who are proud of the distinction she has gained of being the only woman attorney in the state.

### SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be special services at the Methodist church next Sunday.

The revival has been in progress all the week and these services are a part of it. Special services with the choir.

11:00 Subject: "God's Call to Reason Together."

3 p. m. Sermon. Women only.

6:50 p. m. Special service Epworth League.

7:30 p. m. Men only. Subject: "What with Christ."

All are invited to attend these services. The meeting will continue all next week, 10 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., each day.

Furnished room for rent, bath and lights, close in walk all the way to town. Close to shops. Phone 287, 426 West Monroe. Mrs. Shumate. 30-42